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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 26, 2001, please amend the claims as follows:

Clean Version of Amendments

A data collector, comprising 1.

housing,

a vibration signal input on said housing,

an analog to digital converter within said housing connected to said vibration signal input, converting a vibration signal received at said vibration signal input to a digitized vibration signal,

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an optical system within said housing, said optical system receiving light from outside said housing,

a receiver circuit converting said received light to a digital signal, and

a digital signal processing circuit connected to said analog to digital converter and said receiver circuit, and simultaneously receiving, storing or processing said digitized vibration signal and said digital signal converted from said received light, in real time, for the purpose of predictive maintenance.

13. A method of collecting data for the purpose of predictive maintenance using a data collector, comprising

receiving a vibration signal into a housing of said data collector, and converting said a vibration signal to a digitized vibration signal withing said housing,

receiving light from outside said housing into said housing, and converting said received light to a digital signal, and

simultaneously receiving, storing or processing said digitized vibration signal and said digital signal converted from said received light.